



THURSDAY EVENING, AUG. 16, 1906.

A DECLINE in the wheat market yesterday on the New York produce exchange brought the price of that commodity to the lowest figure of the last four years. Continued good weather in the wheat belt, with the promise of a bountiful harvest, was responsible for the weakness in both wheat and corn. Cash wheat sold at 77½¢, against a high price of the year, made last January, of 96½¢, while cash corn sold at 56½¢, against 62½¢, the high point of the current year. Western markets also were weak. A leading elevator concern in Chicago estimates that the three leading spring wheat States will harvest this year \$210,000,000 bushels, or 25,000,000 bushels more than last year. On the decline in corn in Chicago a large shipping trade was reported for eastern account, amounting to about 750,000 bushels. The decline in wheat, it is feared, will be seriously felt by the Virginia farmers who are compelled to pay high tariff prices for all they buy, but they will now be compelled to sell their wheat for what they can get.

JUSTICE GIEGERICH, in the Supreme Court of New York, yesterday, granted an application of J. Clarence J. Shearn for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the Consolidated Gas Company to supply gas to Mr. Shearn's client, at the statutory rate of 80 cents a thousand cubic feet. At the same time Justice Giegerich allowed two days' notice for the settlement of the writ, and there will be an immediate appeal from his decision. In granting the motion for the writ, Justice Giegerich swept aside the contention of the Consolidated Gas Company's counsel that the 80-cent rate fixed by the new law would prevent the company from paying dividends on its stock, and that, therefore, the law was unconstitutional, because it would deprive the company's stockholders of their property. This is another instance of the uncertainty of law.

THE DEPARTURE from this city today of the Alexandria Light Infantry for their annual encampment calls to mind of older citizens the days just before the civil war. Today there is but one military organization in Alexandria, and this command marched through the streets today with less than forty men. In 1861 a large majority of the able-bodied men and youths of the city were soldiers, and each company had full ranks. Then there were the Alexandria Riflemen, Mount Vernon Guards, Old Dominion Rifles, Emmet Guards, O'Connell Guards, Kemper's Battery, Young Riflemen, Bill's Cavalry, etc. The spirit of patriotism was rife then and the desire to be a soldier was prevalent, but times have changed and the interest taken in military organizations seems to be on the wane throughout the country.

THE German Naval Journal confirms rumors that the government has decided to construct the next German battleships with a displacement of 10,000 tons and a speed of 19.5 knots, and cruisers with 15,000 tons. This would make possible an armament superior to that of the British Dreadnought. Notwithstanding the "peace conferences" and the talk of disarmament and the reduction of armies, the actual work among nations of strengthening their armies and navies goes right along.

OPPOSITION to joint Statehood for the Territories of New Mexico and Arizona grows more formidable as the time of decision approaches. Both parties in Arizona are organizing to oppose it, and there are six newspapers in New Mexico which have declared against it. It is certain to be voted down in Arizona, and present indications point to serious opposition in New Mexico. Things do not look so blooming as they might for the consolidated State.

BOTH the democratic and the republican parties are beginning to find out that under the changed conditions incident to national and state elections raising funds for campaign purposes is no longer a picnic. It may still be possible to collect all necessary funds by contributions without a taint upon them, but the old, lavish styles of political expenditure must go, for the simple reason that the sources which supplied the funds for it are dried up.

From Washington.

Alarmed at the arrival at Ellis Island immigration station of so many victims of trachoma, the New York immigration officials have brought the subject again to the attention of Commissioner General Sargent of the Immigration and Naturalization Bureau. This official has just returned from New York where he looked into the situation himself. According to reports of immigration physicians never before have so many immigrants been brought to this country suffering with the disease. The victims detected and deported have now reached 100 a month; on August 11, alone, thirty-three being returned. The disease of

the eye being contagious, the matter assumes a serious aspect, the officials say. Hundred of immigrants huddled up with the victims on the vessel bringing them to America will contract the disease. Shortly after their arrival they will develop the affliction, to communicate it to unsuspecting persons in this country. Officials of the bureau take the position that never before was the necessity of having members of the marine hospital corps and public service stationed in foreign countries to examine the would-be immigrants so patent as now.

Orders were issued by Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte today organizing a board of naval officers, with Assistant Secretary of the Navy Newberry as president, to consider all laws and regulations affecting the commissioned personnel of the navy with a view to the secretary recommending to Congress new personnel legislation. This is one of the most important naval boards ordered during the past seven years. Besides Assistant Secretary Newberry the board will consist of Rear-Admiral Charles H. Stockton, Captain Charles E. Vreeland, Commander Harry H. Holey, Commander Albert Gleaves, Lieutenant-Commander William S. Sims and Lieutenant-Commander William S. Sims and Lieutenant-Commander Emil Theiss.

Harvest, which is now in progress in Europe, shows much encouragement, according to the report on European crop conditions made by the Department of Agriculture today. Favorable weather has attended the harvest, with the important exceptions that over large areas in the south of Russia work has been delayed and crops damaged by excessive fall of rain and that a large portion of the Italian wheat crop has been impaired in quality from a like cause. While the quality of the wheat crop of France is good, the report says that the yield is sure to be short of that of last year. The exact reverse is regarded to both quality and quantity exists in Italy. Excellent crop reports are received from Spain. A tone of satisfaction exists in Germany over all the crops. In Russia the prospects are not so good. All the cereal crops deteriorated during July, and the general opinion is said to be that the yield of the principal cereals will be less than last year. Good crops are anticipated in England, Austria and Hungary.

The situation in Santo Domingo is far from satisfactory to the State Department. Word received from there during the past week indicates the existence of a strong revolutionary sentiment in the Monte Cristi district, and the later advice from Porto Rico declare that the Dominican revolutionary leaders residing there are secretly organizing an expedition to invade Santo Domingo, and reinforce the revolutionists near Monte Cristi. The acting Secretary of State has been preserving the utmost secrecy regarding developments in the island of Santo Domingo. Today comes word of the sailing from Porto Rico for the United States of Jimenez, the exiled revolutionist leader, for New York, presumably to consult with those financial interests which are supposed to be back of the revolution and to purchase arms and ammunition. It is also alleged that stringent orders have been issued by the Navy Department to Commander Southard, the senior U. S. naval officer in Dominican waters, to prevent the landing in Santo Domingo of any hostile force which was organized in Porto Rico or on any American territory.

H. B. Gray, of Manassas, was taken from a Southern Railway train this morning, suffering from typhoid fever. Mr. Gray left his home last night and before morning grew violently ill. He was sent to Providence Hospital.

The express companies of the country are in distress. The railway regulation law, which goes into effect Aug. 26, not only makes the companies common carriers but provides that all their merchandise schedules shall be filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission of that date. They insist that this cannot be done in as much as heavy penalties are prescribed for failure to comply with all regulations the companies are urging the commission to extend the time for the filing of the schedules. A letter was received today from the Adams Express Co. announcing that all the additional free quarters of the company can accommodate cannot complete the preparation of general schedules before October 1. The further work of checking up and testing special rates at the respective offices, they declare, will occupy several months more. They want the time for schedule filing extended to January 1.

Closing of a Bank. Smithville, in Ritchie county, W. Va., was yesterday thrown into excitement on account of the closing of the doors of the Smithville Bank by a State bank examiner, and Cashier George C. Clammer is under arrest, charged with being responsible for the shortage of the bank, which is about \$30,000.

Clammer is charged with falsifying the account of the bank and permitting overdrafts in large amounts. His arrest was caused by a director of the bank, who swore out a warrant before Justice Al Wilson, and when arraigned Clammer waived examination and was held to await the action of the grand jury in the sum of \$2,000.

The cashier claimed to be innocent of any wrongdoing, and said that he had money on exchange in banks in Pittsburgh and other cities to cover the alleged shortage, but when those banks were communicated with it was found that the bank had no money with them.

A number of the people of the town were small depositors, and will feel the loss of their savings very keenly.

The Eagles' Parade.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 16.—Business practically went into a state of eclipse today due to the immense parade of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, twenty thousand strong. It was the star spectacular event of the week's meeting, and brought forth immense crowds to witness the lodge men display their charms. The political situation has switched about owing to the caucus of eastern states—Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut and Massachusetts—with a view to placing the next convention in Boston or some city in the east. The financial showing of the grand treasurer is gratifying. The grand Aerie has a balance of \$96,846. There are 56 aeries with a membership of 500,000.

Suicide of an Insurance Official. Paterson, N. J., Aug. 16.—Signoid A. Nevstad, assistant superintendent of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, committed suicide today by putting a bullet through his heart in the East Side Park. The insurance officials at once started an examination of his books. Nevstad was married and owned considerable property. He was secretary of the A. M. White Masonic Lodge. Nevstad made a report to the insurance company yesterday and today a fuller report was expected.

News of the Day.

Secretary Taft has issued an order opening to enlisted men all the 48 vacancies in the rank of second lieutenant.

The British government will seek the extradition of William Conn, treasurer of the Benevolent Society of Postal Employees, who absconded to the United States, leaving a shortage of \$145,000.

A report comes from St. Petersburg that Mile. Smirnov, who was accompanied by another lady, was taken to a barracks and brutally assaulted by soldiers because she made a slighting remark about them.

The Texas democratic State convention yesterday adopted a platform reaffirming the principles of the party and demanding a law prohibiting corporations from contributing to campaign funds. Unbounded confidence in the state-manship and patriotism of William J. Bryan appears in a resolution, together with the hope of his nomination for president in 1908.

Conditions in certain sections of Russia are again serious. Troops fired into the crowds of excited people in Warsaw and Lodz yesterday, killing and wounding hundreds. Revolutionists killed numerous policemen and gendarmes in Warsaw. A systematic massacre of police officials has begun. While the czar and the Grand Dukes met face to face thousands of the troops in the hope of stimulating the latter's loyalty, it is known that the guards fired ball cartridges at the Grand Duke Nicholas and men of another command fired at their officers.

Virginia News.

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Smith, a hotel proprietor at Capon Bridge, died yesterday, aged eighty-five years.

Charles H. Snellings died Tuesday at his home in Fredericksburg, after a long illness, aged forty-nine years.

Mrs. Catlett, aged about eighty years, died at the home of her son, Grant Catlett, near Front Royal yesterday.

Five persons were hurt in a wreck on the Franklin and Pittsylvania branch of the Southern Railway yesterday.

The government will erect a \$50,000 monument at Jamestown and will give \$100,000 for a large negro exposition.

Mrs. Robert Grant, aged about fifty years, died at her home near Linden, Tuesday night, from catarrh of the stomach.

Mrs. Mary Thomas, relict of the late Mahlon Thomas, died at her home near Round Hill, August 10, in the eighty-second year of her age.

Miss Lucy Borden, a senior nurse at the Strasburg hospital, died yesterday of typhoid fever, aged twenty-two years. She was the daughter of Hampson Borden, of Saunspville.

Mrs. Peter Broome, of Baltimore, daughter of Tyler Garrison, of Stafford county, died Tuesday at the home of her uncle, Seth R. Cooper, in Stafford county, where she was visiting.

Mr. Lester F. Cummings, of Round Hill, Loudoun county, and Miss Bessie E. Wortman, daughter of Mr. William L. Wortman, of Purcellville, were married in Leesburg, yesterday afternoon, by Rev. F. P. Berkley.

Wm. McCue, son of the late Samuel McCue, ex mayor of Charlottesville, and Miss Florence H. Vineland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas J. Vineland, of near Vinton, Kanawha county, were married yesterday at the home of the bride.

Governor Swanson, who is at his home, at Chatham, is determined to fully investigate the high-handed raid by a Kentucky posse into Lee county, and the capture of Frank Ball, after a fight, in which one of Ball's party a Virginian, was killed. Governor Swanson has sent letters to Judge J. A. W. Sken, Sheriff of Ball and Commonwealth's Attorney Ely, of Lee county, requesting that all the facts concerning the acts and conduct of the Kentuckians, particularly as to the killing of Lee, be forwarded to him. The Governor declares that the law and dignity of the commonwealth must be upheld in this case, as to all others.

Sollicitous about the welfare of a pickaninny who had been caught in the act of stealing a watermelon, a thousand negroes gathered in front of George W. Willy's store, at Thirtieth and N streets, Richmond, Tuesday night, and threatened dire things against the proprietor and the property. A negro youth, Joe Adams, was seized for purloining the melon and held in the store. The negroes spread the report that the boy was shut up in the ice box and was slowly freezing to death. Willy secured a shotgun and, standing in the front of his door, held the mob at bay until a squad of police could force their way through the surging crowd to his side and beat the negroes back. The timely arrival of the officers probably saved the grocer from being roughly dealt with.

The Pope's Encyclical.

The Pope's encyclical letter to the French archbishops and bishops regarding the separation law continues to be the topic in Paris of absorbing interest; but the discussion is largely polemical, as the law not taking effect until December gives ample time for reflection. Moreover, the absence of all high personages, official or parliamentary, defers an exact determination of the government's course. Nothing similar to the inventory riots has occurred or is expected to occur either in Paris or the provinces, although the actual application of the law in December probably will accentuate the situation.

M. Briand, the minister of public worship, is absent from Paris; but the Temps yesterday gathered the views of several high officials, who point out that the encyclical is merely negative in form, condemning the cultural associations provided by the law, but giving no real instructions relative to the bishops' future course.

The Pope's intention is regarded in government circles as leaving the bishops free to act in the way which to them seems best, without exciting a violent conflict between the civil and religious powers. The Pope, they contend, by his repeated references to the rejection of the association provided for by the law, entertained the after thought that the government might possibly, by means of negotiations, be induced to assent to the formation of associations which, while carrying out the spirit of the law, would recognize the divine constitution of the church, the unchangeable rights of the Pontiff and the hierarchy's complete control of sacred edifices.

Today's Telegraphic News

Renomination of Mr. Cannon. Danville, Ill., Aug. 16.—In accepting renomination for Congress at the hands of the republican convention for the 18th Illinois district which met here today, Hon. Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the House of Representatives, delivered a carefully prepared speech in which he handled in his characteristic fashion the issues of the present campaign. He discussed the property of the country as compared with conditions under the second Cleveland administration, talked of the glories of the protective tariff, praised President Roosevelt, took a whack at the trusts, and picked up the gauntlet thrown down by President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor. He warmly defended Congress from the charges recently made of unfriendliness and indifference to the rights of the workingman. He endeavored to show that under a republican administration the profits of labor have been steadily increasing, and pointed to the record of the 59th Congress in enacting important legislation for the benefit of all the people. The speaker expressed his approval of labor organizations as such, but deprecated the movement that would dictate the political affiliation of their members. He referred to Mr. Gompers as one who "claims to represent organized labor," and who seeks to control the action of its members at the ballot box. Mr. Cannon devoted considerable time to the anti-injunction legislation sought by President Gompers. He frankly stated the grounds of his opposition to the measure, saying that it would in times of trouble turn loose the criminally disposed and result in the destroying of property in the name of contesting labor without remedy to the owner. While not questioning Mr. Gompers' good faith in the matter, he felt that the president of the A. F. of L. had failed to realize the consequences of such legislation. Mr. Cannon's speech today is admittedly intended as the keynote from which other congressional spell-binders may strike up tunes in their respective districts.

Edward and William. Crouberg, Prussia, Aug. 16.—King Edward of England left here this morning after his visit to Kaiser Wilhelm at Fredericksburg on his way to Marienbad for his annual visit to the famous watering place. The two monarchs parted with the same outward manifestations of friendship that marked their meeting and the entire course of their visit together. Kaiser Wilhelm accompanied his uncle to the railway station and the rulers embraced before Edward boarded the train. The British sovereign waved his hand to the Kaiser as the train pulled out of the station. The tone of the German press toward King Edward on the occasion of his meeting with the Kaiser, was cordial, and it is generally felt here that as a result of the King's visit to Germany, peace has been restored between the two monarchs who have had some bitter personal disagreements during the last two years and that better relations will be established between Germany and England.

That the meeting of King Edward and the Kaiser is bound to be productive of good, seems to be the feeling in both Great Britain and Germany, as shown by the expressions of the news papers generally. The significance of their visit is shown by the fact that the British king was accompanied by Sir Charles Hardinge, permanent under-secretary of foreign affairs. His presence in the King's party was known to indicate that matters of state affecting the two nations were to be discussed. It is the general belief that the subjects affecting the two countries most vitally, as well as other matters which may arise in the future, were gone over and an understanding reached. The friendly nature of the whole visit indicates, in the eyes of diplomats, as well as the newspapers, that the differences which have separated the English ruler and his nephew during the last two years and even threatened to embroil them in war, were amicably adjusted.

More Disorders in Poland. Warsaw, Aug. 16.—Stern reprisals are expected in this city and throughout Poland, as a consequence of the wholesale assaults made yesterday and last night on police officials, and the population is panic stricken, more in dread of what it is feared is to come than as a result of the outbreaks which have occurred.

Reports today show that the police massacre was of wider extent than was at first known, and there seems to be no doubt that the numerous assaults on officers, coming almost simultaneously, were the result of a carefully laid and well executed plot to inaugurate a reign of murder by terrorists and revolutionists, with policemen as the victims.

In Warsaw, following the attacks on officers which resulted in the killing of about a dozen policemen and gendarmes, fighting marked by desultory firing continued between revolutionists and patrols of soldiers throughout the night.

Today's advances state that at Plick, fifty-eight miles northwest of Warsaw, five police officers were killed and two wounded.

At Radom, fifty miles south of this city, the police station was destroyed, presumably by a mob, and one child was killed and two others injured. The assassin of the Chief of Police of Wloclawski, who was killed during the night, was a schoolboy, who made his escape.

Woman Mountain Climber.

Bombay, India, Aug. 16.—Dr. Fanny Bullock Workman, the noted traveler and mountain climber, is camped at the height of 23,000 feet above the sea in Nunhum Mountain range in Kashmir. Her ascent makes a new record for women in mountain climbing. Fanny Bullock Workman is the daughter of former Governor Bullock, of Massachusetts. She was married to Dr. Wm. E. Workman, who was born in Worcester, Mass., but they make their home in London, when not traveling for exploring new regions.

Bans Lynching Postal Cards. Acting Postmaster General Hitchcock has instructed Postmaster Ramsay, at Salisbury, N. C., to prohibit lynching souvenir postal cards from passage through the mail. Hundreds of postal cards, portraying the gruesome sight of three negroes dangling from the limb of a tree, were printed by a Salisbury firm soon after the lynching, and purchasers began mailing them. Postmaster Ramsay ordered that all such cards be held up until he could get a ruling on them from Washington.

New York Stock Market.

New York, Aug. 16.—Trading in the Harri-man stocks was excited all through the first hour and both Union Pacific and Southern Pacific made new high records. Naturally the strength of the Harri-man, Vanderbilt and Standard Oil issues forced the greater part of the list into comparative neglect, and there were few important price changes other than those noted.

In this state it is not necessary to serve a five days' notice for eviction of a cold. Use the original laxative cough syrup, Kennedy's Laxative Honey and Tar. No opiate. Sold by W. F. O'Riagh, 401 King street.

Manila, Aug. 16.—Strong repressive measures are being used to subjugate the pulse in the northern part of Leyte, who were responsible for the recent outbreaks, according to advices received here from that island today. The northern part of the island has been divided into three military districts to facilitate field operations. Troops in large numbers have been sent there and Brigadier General Lee is in command. Scouting parties are keeping a close watch over the districts, and the collection of any considerable number of natives at one point is at once reported. Another encounter is reported to have occurred between a band of natives and a detachment of the Twenty-fourth infantry under command of Lieutenant Sweeney. Seventy-four natives were captured and several wounded. No report is made on the number killed.

Vincente and Cayetano Lukban, brothers, who were sentenced in April, 1904, to five years imprisonment for conspiring to overthrow the government, have been unanimously acquitted by the Philippine Islands Supreme Court.

Trouble at an End. New York, Aug. 16.—The riots of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Railroad Company are at an end and trolley cars are again moving to Coney Island today. Pending a decision of the Court of Appeals, passengers have consented to pay the additional five cents fare, but the company will give rebate tickets, so that if the decision is against the company the money paid the company in excess of five cents will be refunded. The rebate tickets will be given to passengers on Saturday, it having been found impossible to print them before that time. Meanwhile, the public is paying the additional fare of five cents, following the advice of Justice Gaynor, who, though he said five cents was the legal fare, advised that it would be better to suffer a little while than precipitate violence by declining to pay the extra fare.

At midnight Magistrate Higginbotham issued a warrant for the arrest of Timothy F. Williams, treasurer of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit, and John Doe warrants for all the directors of the company. The warrants charge inciting riots. Other officers of the road were also arrested.

Killed by Explosion. El Paso, Tex., Aug. 16.—By the explosion of a car load of dynamite at the Chihuahua and Pacific Railway depot in Chihuahua late yesterday from 30 to 50 persons were killed. The dynamite was being transferred from a Mexican Central Railroad car to a car of the Chihuahua and Pacific, the latter road being narrow gauge. One of the Mexican laborers dropped a keg of dynamite and the explosion set off the carload. Every laborer and the foreman, the latter being American, were blown to atoms, and the earth was shaken as if by an earthquake. According to the details received fragments of bodies were blown almost a mile and the roofs of the houses in the neighborhood were covered with pieces of human flesh. Many small buildings were wrecked, and a number of people were injured in their homes. Windows were cracked in all parts of the city and flying debris fell on pedestrians inflicting painful injuries in many cases.

Contestants for the Roosevelt Cup. Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 16.—With two races to the credit of the Spokane, one to that of the Bendire and one to the God, the 17 contestants for the honor of competing with the German Sander bats for the Roosevelt cup were at the starting line this morning ready for the two races scheduled for today. The first race today will be over a triangular course of nine miles. The first leg will be a beat to windward, three miles south of the starting line. The wind is light from the south. The boats were started at 11 a. m. The Ellen crossed first at the leeward end of the line, the Auk went over second. The Auk speedily took the lead. The Auk rounded the windward mark at 11:59, slightly ahead of Windmill Kid. Bendire was third and Manchester fourth. The Auk finished the race first at 12:54:10. The Windmill Kid was second at 12:54:33. Bendire third at 12:55:12.

Attack on Freight Car Station. Odessa, Aug. 16.—An outbreak on the part of anarchists who made an attack on a freight car station, occurred here early today. Fifteen anarchists were concerned in the raid on the station. They seized the officers and started to loot them. An inspector of police and three constables who interfered were killed. The anarchists then seized 16,000 roubles and made their escape. The police pursued the fleeing marauders and captured two after they had been disabled. It is not known whether the attack here was a part of the apparent general reign of murder of police officials inaugurated last night and yesterday in many parts of the empire, or an independent outbreak by anarchists bent mainly on robbery.

Her Hair Wound on Axle. Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 16.—Dragged by her hair 100 yards in a runaway, Mrs. George Rozelle, an aged farmer's wife, yesterday received internal injuries that will doubtless result fatally. When the horses became frightened she fell from the wagon seat between the wagon box and the front wheel, and her hair switch caught in the spoke near the hub, and wound around the axle. Her aged husband refused to save himself by jumping, but heroically endeavored to rescue his wife by reaching for her over the side of the wagon box as the team dashed up the street. The wagon was overturned at a street corner and the runaway stopped. Mrs. Rozelle's switch was cut close to her head to release her.

Floods in India. Bombay, India, Aug. 16.—Unprecedented floods have occurred in Bengal, resulting in the destruction of the railway lines. Communication has been stopped except by boat. It is feared the floods have caused heavy loss of life.

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